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A COMMISSION FROM

The Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord High Treasurer, the Lord Bishop of *London*, and the Dean of St. *Pauls*.

TO

The Right Honorable the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Mr. Justice Hyde, *Mr. Attorney Generall and others.*

Concerning

The Arrears of Impropriations, and other Ecclesiasticall Livings, &c.

Granted by his

SACRED MAJESTY

To the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord High Treasurer, Lord Bishop of London, *and Dean of* St. Pauls.

For and towards

The Repair of the Cathedrall Church of St. PAUL *London.*

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A COMMISSION FROM

The Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord High Treasurer, the Lord Bishop of *London*, and the Dean of St. *Pauls*.

TO *all to whom these presents shall come*, *The Right Honourable* Edward *Earl of* Clarendon *Lord High Chancellor of* England, Thomas *Earle of* Southampton *Lord High Treasurer of* England, *The Right Reverend Father in God* Gilbert *Lord Bishop of* London, *and* John Barwick *Dr. in Divinity, Dean of the Cathedrall Church of St.* Paul *in* London, *send Greeting. Whereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty that now is by His Letters Patents under the Great Seal of* England, *bearing date at* Westminster *the third day of* December *last past (reciting*

as therein is recited) did give and Grant unto the ſaid Edward *Earl of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, Gilbert *Lord Biſhop of* London, *and* Dr. John Barwick, *all arrears of rents, ſumme and ſummes of money, and profits of all and ſingular the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments; and alſo of all impropriate Rectories, Vicaridges, Donatives, Portions of Tythes and Gleab Lands, and all other duties and payments which heretofore belonged to any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Dean, Dean and Chapter, Prebend, Canon, Rector, or other Eccleſiaſticall perſon or perſons whatſoever: And alſo all duties, ſumme and ſummes of money payable in lieu of Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, and other Profits and Duties whatſoever belonging to any of the ſaid Rectories, Vicaridges or Donatives, and which grew due during the late Diſtractions, and before the reſpective Proprietors thereof were reſtored, reinveſted and ſettled in the poſſeſſion of the ſame remaining in the hands of any Treaſurer, Receiver, Farmer or Collector, and not pardoned by the late Act of Free and Generall Pardon, Indempnity and Oblivion: And all other Tythes impropriate, Oblations, Obventions, Penſions, Portions of Tythes, appropriate Offerings, Fee-farme Rents iſſuing out of Tythes, and other things whatſoever, which*

in and by a late pretended Act or Ordinance made in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred forty nine, were vested or settled in, or mentioned, adjudged or deemed to be in the actuall seisin or possession of certain persons thereby appointed, or mentioned to be appointed Trustees touching the same, which have not been by them or their order disbursed, disposed, or imployed for the maintenance of Ministers and other uses, according to the said pretended Act or Ordinance, or any other pretended Act, Order or Ordinance made or pretended to be made in the years of our Lord, one thousand six hundred and fifty, one thousand six hundred fifty four, and one thousand six hundred fifty and five, by an Assembly assuming the power of Parliament, according to the intention of such pretended Act, Acts, or Ordinances, before the first day of June *in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty, and which are not pardoned by the said Act of Free and Generall Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion, and were any way setled and vested in his said Majesty; and also all bonds, obligations, and other securities entred into for the same, or any part thereof, to have, hold and enjoy the same unto the said Earl of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, Gilbert *Lord Bishop of* London, *and* John Barwick, *their Exe-*

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cutors, Administrators and Assignes without account or other allowance whatsoever. To the intent nevertheless that the same should and might wholly goe and be applyed towards the repairing, adorning and beautifying of the Cathedrall Church of St. Paul *in* London, *according to His Majesties gracious and pious intentions in the said Letters Patents expressed, and in such manner as they the said* Edward *Earle of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, Gilbert *Lord Bishop of* London, *and* John Barwick *their Executors, Administrators or Assignes in their discretions should think most conducing to the better compassing and effecting of that pious work, thereby impowring them to find out, seize, sue for, and recover the same by Commission, Inquisition, or any other lawfull means or wayes whatsoever, either in the name of his Majesty, or in their own names; and also to agree and compound for the same, and give Acquittances and Discharges upon payment thereof; and to send for and require all Papers, Books, Writings and Evidences relating thereunto, as in and by the said Letters Patents (amongst divers other things therein contained) relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear. Now know ye, that the said* Edward *Earl of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, Gilbert *Lord Bishop of*

London,

London, *and* John Barwick, *for the more speedy and effectuall prosecuting and effecting the intent of his said Majesties Grant, and for the advancement and carrying on of so pious a work, and for other good causes thereunto moving, have made, nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents doe make, nominate, constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Sir* Orlando Bridgeman *Knight and Baronet Chief Justice of the Court of Common-pleas, Sir* Robert Hyde *Knight, one of the Justices of the said Court of Common-pleas, Sir* Jeoffry Palmer *Knight and Baronet, the Kings Majesties Attorney Generall, Sir* Phillip Warwick *Knight,* John Keeling *one of the Kings Majesties Serjeants at Law, Sir* John Cutler *Knight and Baronet,* Richard Rainsford, *and* Job Charleton *Serjeants at Law,* Thomas Beverly *Esquire,* Samuel Clark *Esquire,* James Ravenscroft *Esquire,* William Dolben, William Thursby, John Phillips, John Bathurst, William Wymondesall, Thomas Lee *Esquires,* Thomas Nevil, John Sharp, Miles Smyth *and* Richard Topham *Gentlemen, or any three or more of them, for them the said* Edward *Earl of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, Gilbert *Lord Bishop of* London, *and* John Barwick, *their Executors and Assignes, and as their*

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Commissioners to order and manage the said arrears, summe and summes of money, and premisses in and by the said Letters Patents granted as aforesaid, Giving and Granting unto them, or any three or more of them full power and authority by virtue of these presents, to ask, demand, seize, collect, and receive the same arrears, sum and summes of money, and premisses aforesaid, and every or any part or parcell thereof in whose hands or custody, or whereſoever the same are, shall or may be had or found: and to that end to name, constitute and appoint such and so many Receivers, Deputies, Officers and Agents, for the more speedy and effectuall doing and performing thereof, as they or any three or more of them shall think necessary or convenient, and to give and allow them such Sallaries and allowances for their care and pains, as the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them in their discretions shall think fit: And also to commence and prosecute any Action or Suit in Law or Equity against any person or persons whatsoever that shall deny, neglect, or refuse to make payment of such of the said moneys and other the premisses granted as aforesaid, as shall appear to be by him or them respectively due or payable, according to the intent of the Act of Parliament aforesaid, either in his said Majesties name or

in the name or names of the ſaid Edward *Earl of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, Gilbert *Lord Biſhop of* London, *and* John Barwick, *or the Survivors or Survivor of them their Executors or Aſſignes, and to put in ſuit all Bonds and Securities made or given, or to be made or given for the ſame: And further alſo to agree and compound with any perſon or perſons whatſoever for the ſaid arrears, ſumme and ſummes of money and premiſſes aforeſaid, or any part or parcell thereof: And to make and give Acquittances, and other ſufficient diſcharges to all and every perſon and perſons for or upon payment of all or any part of the ſaid arrears, ſumme and ſummes of money, and premiſſes aforeſaid: And likewiſe to ſend for, require and keep all Papers, Writings, Books and Evidences any wayes concerning the Premiſſes, or any part or parcell thereof, or which may be any wayes uſefull or neceſſary in, or about the having or obtaining thereof, in whoſe hands or cuſtody the ſame now are or ſhall be; And generally to doe, performe and execute all and every other lawfull and neceſſary Act and Acts, thing and things whatſoever needfull and requiſite to be done, for the obtaining, compounding, levying, receiving, or getting in of the ſaid Arrears, ſumme and ſummes of money and premiſſes*

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aforesaid, and every part and parcel thereof. And also to doe, performe and execute all and every the Grants, Powers, Liberties and Authorities in or by the said recited Letters Patents given or granted, or mentioned to be given or granted, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes, as the said Edward *Earl of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earle of* Southampton, Gilbert *Lord Bishop of* London, *and* John Barwick, *or any of them may, might or could doe in their own persons; hereby ratifying, allowing and confirming all whatsoever the said Sir* Orlando Bridgeman, *Sir* Robert Hyde, *Sir* Jeoffry Palmer, *Sir* Phillip Warwick, John Keeling, *Sir* John Cutler, Richard Rainsford, Job Charleton, Thomas Beverley, Samuell Clarke, James Ravenscroft, William Dolben, VVilliam Thursby, John Phillips, John Bathurst, VVilliam VVymondesall, Thomas Lee, Thomas Nevill, John Sharp, Miles Smyth, *and* Richard Topham, *or any three or more of them shall doe or cause to be done by virtue, or in pursuance of these Presents, or any the Powers and Authorities hereby given or granted in or about the performance and execution of the premisses. In witnesse whereof the said* Edward *Earle of* Clarendon, Thomas *Earle of* Southampton,

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Gilbert *Lord Biſhop of* London, *and Doctor* John Barwick *have hereunto put their hands and Seals the Eighth day of* January, *in the Thirteenth Year of the Reigne of our ſaid Soveraign Lord King* CHARLES *the Second.*

CLARENDON C.

THO. SOUTHAMPTON.

GILBERT LONDON.

JOHN BARWICK.

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